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A Penny for your Thoughts

As everybody set his clock ahead this morning (or should have), The HERALD'S inquiring photographer asked: "Are you in favor of the change to daylight saving time?"

Norman Gagnon, 739 Border Ave., aircraft inspector:

"No, I don't like it. It fouls up the whole detail for me. It seems to me that we've got enough daylight hours now as it is."

Carol Craig, 4129 W. 229th St., parking enforcement officer:

"Yes, I like it. It allows more time to get work done at home and in the yard. It seems to give more hours in the day."

Othol Hutchins, 1211 El Prado, aircraft worker:

"I'm heartily in favor of it. It seems to give me more time in the evening. There's a lot more sunshine during the day . . . or it seems like it."

Luella Curler, 2011 Gramercy Ave., housewife:

"It's immaterial to me whether they change it or whether they don't. It has advantages and disadvantages. It doesn't affect me one way or the other."

William A. Plotner, Manhattan Beach, steamship official:

"I approve of it. It gives more daylight and time to work in the yard. As far as I'm concerned, I'd like to have it the whole year round."

Helen Luna, 2836 Alberta St., housewife:

"Yes indeed. I've been waiting for daylight savings time to start for 2 months. I wake up when daylight breaks and think it's time to get up now."

Want Ads Filled With 'Auto Buy Now' Bargains

"You Auto Buy Now!"
Yessir, if you're in the market for a new or better used car, or even a home or a houseful of furniture, you couldn't do better than turn to today's HERALD Want Ad section.

Because many business people are cooperating with "You Auto Buy Now" week by advertising their wares at special low prices, you'll find all sorts of goodies in all classifications of HERALD Want Ads. Automobile dealers particularly have gone all out to advertise their better bargains.

So turn to the Want Ads right now. Need something? You auto buy it!

EX-NURSE HELD BY COURT IN DEATH OF MOTHER OF FOUR



QUEEN CANDIDATES . . . Sharon Smith, Miss Torrance Chamber of Commerce last year, tells the candidates for the spot this year about the requirements. Competing in the May 10 contest are (front) Barbara Flynn, 17; Ann Dahlen, 16; Gale Askew, 16; (center) Louise Silham, 17; Kathy Kirks, 17; Gwen Hull, 17; Gloria Dutton, 18; Betty Saddler, 17; (back) Darlene Stephens, 17; Jackie Leko, 17; Dianne Demaree, 18, and Beverly Thomas, 16. (Herald Photo)

Gee 'Not Guilty' on Charge Of Misusing City Bail Fees

Jack T. Gee, former contract warrant officer for the Torrance Police Department, was exonerated of charges this week that he had misused bail monies collected in the field on South Bay court warrants.

Appearing before Superior Court Judge Lewis Drucker in Los Angeles, Gee was acquitted after a three-day hearing

on the charges. Judge Drucker handed down the "not guilty" verdict at the conclusion of the trial.

Pharmacy Robbed of Dope; Clerk Slugged

A local pharmacy was robbed of cash and narcotics Thursday evening and the clerk was slugged by the gunman.

Al Patrosky told police he was reading a magazine in the rear of the store, 2055 Torrance Blvd., when a blond, 25-28-year-old man walked up to him, pulled a gun and declared:

"Give me your narcotics. Give me your narcotics."
"Are you kidding?" Patron-sky asked.

In answer, the man cocked the gun and said: "Give me your morphine and cocaine."
The clerk handed over three bottles of morphine tablets and a one-ounce bottle of cocaine that was one-third full.

The victim said the gunman held a white handkerchief over part of his face as a disguise.

Rivets Reports

Prospects are for clear and mostly sunny weather today, with temperatures to remain about the same, HERALD Weather-dog Rivets predicted.

High and low temperatures last week included Thursday 75-59; Friday (70-49); and Saturday (71-50).

After placing the narcotics in a paper sack, Patrosky was directed to hand over the money from the cash register.

Before fleeing the store with more than \$200 in cash and the drugs, the gunman told the clerk to turn around, then struck him on the head with the gun butt.

Patrosky managed to roll with the blow and remained conscious. After the bandit left, he called police from an adjoining doctor's office.

It all began when a Los Angeles resident was brought into court on a traffic charge and testified that he had paid bail in the matter to Gee.

Torrance no longer uses an officer in the field to collect bail, but serving of warrants is handled by regularly assigned police officers. Persons against whom such warrants are issued are now brought into the station and booked on the charge. They may then effect release by posting bail.

Gee told the HERALD after his acquittal that during the years he had handled thousands of warrants and additional thousands of dollars without complaint. In addition to his work with Torrance, he did similar work with other police departments in the area.

Special Section In Herald Tells Progress Story

Included in today's HERALD is the 1958 progress edition—a story of the growth and development of the city's industrial family.

During the past year, Torrance has been the center of a new industrial expansion, both in industries who pioneered the city's development and in new industries establishing factory sites here.

Turn now to Page 15 to catch up on the industrial picture in Torrance, told in story and picture.

Witness Tells Burglars to Quiet Down

Burglars made off with a 110 pound rollaway safe from a local real estate office Friday, but only after a neighbor warned them to stop making so much noise or he'd call the police.

Howard J. Percy, owner of the office at 2222 Torrance Blvd., reported the safe was missing Friday morning.

The neighbor, who was an unknowing witness to the scene, informed police he heard the burglars making a lot of racket. He came out and asked the safe movers what they were doing and they informed him they were moving some heavy equipment.

The witness then issued the warning to be more quiet about the job.

Percy reported the combination safe contained a cash box and Russian and Italian currency.

Later the same day, officers recovered the empty safe in a vacant field at Monterey St. and Greenwood Ave.



MARY STRONG
Held in Death

School Board Forum Slated This Tuesday

The nine candidates for two posts on the Torrance School Board of Education will appear at a meeting sponsored by the Science Education Council at 8 p.m. Tuesday night in Welteria Park Recreation Hall, according to Robert L. Youngkin, SEC chairman.

The candidates will be given five minutes to discuss their qualifications and platforms and an additional five minutes to discuss several additional topics prepared by the SEC.

The topics to be covered include responsibilities of the board, educational goals, student incentive, separation of students by ability, teacher qualifications, and curriculum and performance.

Burglars Hit Store

A grocery store, 16635 Crenshaw Blvd., reported burglars entered the firm Saturday morning and removed an undetermined amount of cigars and candy.

Police Take Curfew Violators to Task

Torrance police continued their crackdown on juveniles out after hours, by taking 24 youths into custody Friday night.

In an effort to curb the rising number of petty thefts and excessive malicious mischief damage, local officers began strictly enforcing the curfew law last week.

According to local officers, 14 juveniles were apprehended at one time Friday evening

at the intersection of 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. Four 18-year-olds were arrested for drinking.

Youths were rounded up in the beach area as well as in north and central Torrance.

Ten car loads of juveniles from San Pedro, attempting to crash a south Torrance party, were dispersed by local officers.

Curfew hours are 10 p.m. and Lt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance juvenile department, promised continued enforcement of the law.

Court Hearing On Wednesday

A gray haired great grandmother today faces charges of second degree murder in connection with an illegal operation.

Mary E. Strong, 56, of 2216 W. 236th St., will appear in South Bay Municipal Court Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. for preliminary hearing.

A coroner's inquest jury returned a surprise verdict Thursday, that the recent death of Mrs. Priscilla Young, 37, of Wilmington, resulted from a cardiac condition and air bubbles in the circulatory system "due to an incomplete abortion."

Mrs. Strong was charged by the jury with having performed the illegal operation. She was arrested immediately following the inquest by Capt. Ernest Ashton, chief of the Torrance detective force.

Registered Nurse
The local woman, a former registered nurse who worked in a children's ward, told the jury she made every effort to save the life of the Wilmington divorcee, who was the mother of four children.

Mrs. Young died the morning of March 31, after spending the night there. According to Mrs. Strong, the woman complained of effects of a miscarriage.

A medical examiner testified the woman's death was caused by performance of an incomplete abortion. A contributing factor was a cardiac condition, he said.

Asked for Loan
Mrs. Strong testified that Mrs. Young had informed her early in January that she was pregnant and later asked for a loan of \$300 for half payment of an abortion.

Mrs. Strong told the jury she refused to make the loan because she did not have the money. She also testified she had no direct knowledge as to whether an abortion actually had been performed.

Calls Police
Torrance police were called to the Strong house March 31, along with an ambulance. The doctor, who examined the victim at 9:30 a.m., said Mrs. Young appeared to have been dead for two hours.

Mrs. Strong told detectives she heard a thump, and rushed into Mrs. Young's bedroom and found the divorcee lying on the floor. She said she then called police for an ambulance.

Appearing in the local court Friday, Mrs. Strong was held on \$5000 bail and was taken back to Los Angeles County jail.

Talking to reporters before the arraignment, Mrs. Strong steadily maintained her innocence. She steadfastly maintained her innocence.



JACK PHILLIPS
Civitan President

Phillips New President of Civitan Club

Jack Phillips was elected president of the Torrance Civitan Club at the group's meeting last week, succeeding H. W. Heimerdinger.

The new president is a partner in Paramount Builders and Supply. He pledged that the club would continue to stress its membership campaign.

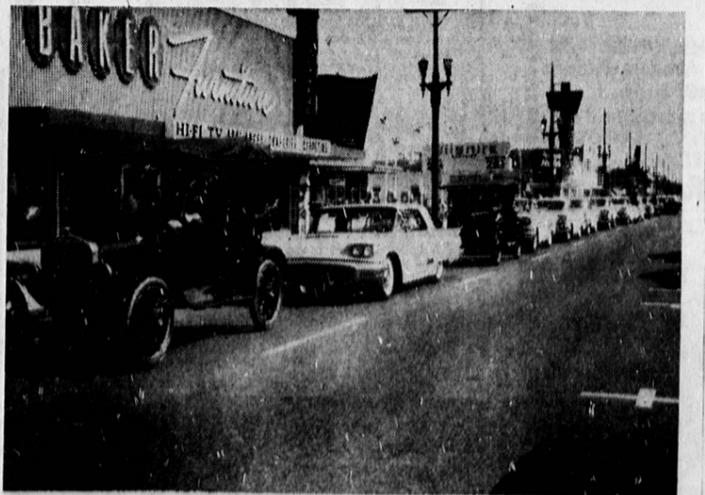
Other new officers include Dr. Allen Kline, first vice president; Ken Christofferson, second vice president; Ross Frampton, secretary; Fred Hanson, treasurer, and Paul Day, Floyd Miller, and Henry West, board of directors.

Garage Burns In Big Fire Friday Night

Fire of undetermined origin swept through a garage at 23820 Ward St. Friday night, with firemen battling the flames for 30 minutes.

The fire occurred about 7:35 Friday in the Elmer Kientan garage. Firemen are investigating the cause, with some children seen fleeing the scene as trucks arrived.

In other action Friday, the firefighters put out a fire in some rubbish in the back yard of Myrtle Crane, 23857 Madison St.; and a fire in some scrap lumber at 3603 Pacific Coast Hwy.



YOU AUTO BUY PARADE . . . A blocks long parade of automobiles (led by an ancient vintage model) paraded throughout the city Friday to spur "You Auto Buy Now" week activities. Dealers held a mammoth showing of cars on the east side of Cabrillo between Carson and Sartori yesterday and will repeat today.

Hull Outlines 17-Point Plan To Govern Education Policies

A 17-point program for the schools, based on a survey made of some 750 parents in the Torrance Unified School District, will be made to the Board of Education, School Superintendent J. H. Hull said yesterday.

Some of the major points covered in the recommendations include appointment of a staff member at each school to develop a program for gifted students, study of discipline and homework policies, increased emphasis on English and related subjects, development of a planned program of science teaching, a review of teacher training requirements in their subjects.

He said that education should be narrow enough to give a child training for a vocation, but broad enough to allow him to change jobs. American traditions, heritage, and human-

ities should be emphasized, he declared.

Study Made
He said the study was completed this month, based on a random sampling of parents in all grades was made. The survey indicated that 75 per cent of the parents said they were happy with the schools; 22 per cent were generally satisfied but made suggestions; and three per cent felt improvement was needed in some areas, he said.

Most frequently mentioned by parents was the quality of teachers in Torrance, Hull reported. Some suggestions were made for more home work,

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